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G.O. No. ~~175~~ 199

Dated 20-2-43

[Despatch Abstract.]

ASSESSMENT -- LAND REVENUE -- ~~(BELLARY)~~ -- CULTIVATION OF CHOLAM ON WET LANDS UNDER THE TUNGABHADRA RIVER AND ITS CHANNELS -- REMISSION -- S A N C T I O N E D.

The Hindu dt 19.1.43

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHOLAM ON WET LANDS

Sir,—In Bellary on account of the scarcity, cholam, (the staple food of the poor), is not available in the towns and villages even at the rate of five local seers per rupee. The plight of the poor may be better imagined than described. All the efforts of the local officials and organisations to secure the grain from Nizam's Dominions have proved fruitless and they feel helpless in the matter. There are about 22,000 acres of wet land in the district irrigated by Tungabhadra River, and if cholam is raised thereon immediately after the sugarcane or other crop is removed, it will relieve the distress of the poor to some extent at least in April and May next. Rains have failed again during the current year and famine relief works have been started. Cholam cannot be secured from dry lands in the district till the harvest of 1943, assuming that we shall be fortunate in having adequate rain during the next monsoon. Hence the only way for securing cholam for the poor at present is by adoption of the above method. The same procedure may be adopted with regard to other wet lands in the District. It is also necessary to grant some concessions to the owners of wet lands to encourage them to raise cholam thereon.

B. Bhima Rao, M.L.C.

Bellary district

LIST OF FAMINE TEST WORKS IN BELLARY DISTRICT.

Bellary taluk.

1 1. Repairs to Kurugodu-Kudathini road (Headquarters at Siddamanahalli). Converted into relief work from 25.1.43 — Opened on 10.12.42

2 2. Repairs to Kurugodu-Emmiganur road (Headquarters at Emmiganur) Do-

3 ~~3. Repairs to Bellary-Talur road Headquarters at Korlagondi).~~ Siddaragadda Charge

4 4.

(1) 5. Moka-Gunlyam road (Banapuram ~~test~~ relief work). Handihal charge — ~~Not~~ opened on 25.12.42

(2) 6. Repairs to Bellary-Rupanagudi road (Sankarabanda ~~test~~ relief work).

Siruguppa taluk.

5 6. Repairs to Siriveri-Karur road (Banavasapura ~~test~~ relief work) — Opened on 10.12.42

Ravadrug taluk.

6 7. Road from Kalyandrug to Uravakonda (Peddakowkuntla ~~test~~ relief work).

(3) 8. Bellary-Kalyandrug road (Uddihal test work). ~~Not~~ opened on 4-1-43

Alur taluk.

7 9. Road from Halaharvi to Julyam (Bapuram ~~test~~ relief work). — Opened on 10.12.42

8 ~~10~~. Bevinahal to Chintakunta (Kokarachedu ~~test~~ relief work).

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Dr Deputy

Memo No 1140 A-F/43-1 dt 19-1-43.

Food production - Bellary Dist -
Cultivation of chalam on wet lands

The attention of the Collector of Bellary is invited to the letter of Sri B. Bhimia Rao, M.L.C. on the above subject appearing in the "Hindu" dt 19th Jan 43 (extract enclosed) and he is requested to say whether the suggestion made therein is feasible-

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: the Coll of Bellary
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To D.S.

Submitted (Ex. General.

28/1/43

In connection with Draft Statement ... & ... Project, Cancellation of Cholam was ... successfully ... lands ... irrigation ... bid

'Extracting Secy's remarks dated 19-1-43 on the article in the Hindu of 19-1-43 under the heading "cholam on wet lands"

Ask collector if there is anything in this suggestion."

A.R.C.W.

From

I.M.Fraser Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector,
Bellary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Madras.

SECRETARIAT
SEP JAN 1943
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Ref.c.No.782/42.A6 Dated 26th January 1943.

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Sir,

Sub:- Food production-Bellary District-Cultivation of cholam in wet lands.

Ref: Memorandum No.1140 A&F/43-1 dated 19th January 1943.

Sri B.Bhima Rao, M.L.C.,consulted me in the matter of cultivating cholam on wet lands under the Tungabhadra river and its channels. He has also sent me a copy of the letter addressed to the Government.While I was camping at Kampli a few days ago the ryots there seemed keen on cultivating cholam on the wet lands on which sugar cane had been grown. Sugar cane and paddy are grown in rotation in Hospet Taluk in the lands which take their water from the Tungabhadra river and channels from it. It would be practicable to cultivate cholam or korra on these lands on which sugar cane has been grown and cut by the end of February but not the lands on which paddy is grown as they are made ready for the cultivation of sugar cane, which is planted in the month of March in Hospet Taluk. The approximate figure for the land in Hospet taluk under sugar cane under these irrigation sources is between 3,000 and 3,5000 (3,000) acres this fasli. Half the sugar cane will be cut by the end of February and the other half by the end of March and can be planted with cholam. There are also some tanks in the Hospet Division which have an ayacut of 903 acres and average cultivation of 663 acres have sufficient supply of water for the irrigation of crops such as cholam or korra. Then there is a tank in Kanekal in Rayadrug Taluk which is a river fed tank. There are also wet lands in Adoni and Siruguppa Taluks along the borders of the Tungabhadra river.

So far as I know at present about 5,000 acres can be planted with cholam or preferably with a mixed crop of cholam and korra. I am writing to the Tahsildars of Adoni,Siruguppa and Rayadrug for immediate information regarding the wet lands to be cultivated with this intermediate dry crop.

So far as seeds are concerned, I am writing to the Agricultural Officer,Bellary,for the supply of seeds and also to the Superintendents of the Agricultural research stations at Hagari and at Siruguppa.

In Sri B.Bhima Rao's letter to the Secretary,he has made a suggestion that a nominal dry assessment should be imposed or that it should not be levied at all. Personally I would recommend strongly that no assessment should be charged on these additional crops, for,when this crop is harvested it will not only save transportation of at least some of the grain from outside the district and -- save the Government expense to that extent but also employ some --- labour which can be diverted for some time at any rate from the --- famine works at Emmiganur in Bellary Taluk,Kudrahal work in Siruguppa Taluk and from one of the famine works in Rayadrug Taluks. In addition it would be a great incentive to the ryots who have been suffering from pretty poor seasons for the last two years to grow this extra crops. When so much money is being spent on famine works in this district I think it would be generous gesture on the part of the -- Government as a special case to forego any assessment for this particular crop.

The other suggestion of Sri B.Bhima Rao is that 75 per cent of the produce should be sold to the Government. I would suggest that 50 per cent should be retained by the cultivators and 50 per cent sold to the Government. The co-operative Societies and the Poor Relief Associations in this District could advance money for buying seeds and loans for this purpose can be given by the Revenue Divisional Officers concerned to the ryots.

I shall write in fuller detail in consultation with the Executive Engineer and after I have received more detailed information from my Tahsildars.

Collector.

Copy to the Secretary to Government,Revenue Department,with reference to Endt.No.122 F/43-1 dated 22-1-43,
Copy to the Secretary,Board of Revenue,Madras with ref. to Board's Ref.No.467-B/43-1(C.S.) dated 19th January 1943.

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The report received from the collector of Bellary may be submitted to Secretary for perusal with reference to the remarks contained on p. 2 above. The further report mentioned in the last para. above may perhaps be awaited. It is understood that Mr Bhima Rao's letter referred to in para. 1 on p. 3 above has been received in Revenue and is under consideration.

Mr Bhima Rao's suggestion is worth pursuing. Re DM Raj

If Rev and Finance will agree to waiving land revenue and assessment on these crops the details may be settled later. The important thing is to get the crops grown.

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To his.

Please see Devt. Deptt. note at pp. 4-5 above. The remarks of the Bd. of Rev. have been called for on Mr. Bhima Rao's suggestions and on the Govt's letter. The Board's report is awaited, and the Board is being reminded separately ~~before arriving at a decision on the question of waiver of assessment on the additional crops~~. With this information, the

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Govt. if it is
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agreed suggestion

file may be passed on to Finance.

10-2-43 — 11.2.43. Bdo report need not be awaited. We may perhaps grant the concession recommended by the Collector, Dj freedom from assessment, and communicate a decision by Telegram so that the concession may be availed of this season itself. F.N may also see

A | for this fasli in the first instance, then obtain a report to the effect for consideration next fasli

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A: I understand, that the Board has again referred the matter to the Collector, to ascertain how far it is feasible. Ltte I think the Concession may be granted now, before it is too late. Ryots who realise this need will take advantage.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. REVENUE DEPARTMENT 13 FEB 1943 MADRAS

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in note of U.S. Rev. above

The proposal at A/ may be agreed to. The loss of revenue which might otherwise

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have been realised may be ascertained in due course. Presumably, it will not be large in this fasli. [In the interests of the "grow more food" campaign, the Govt have already ~~agreed to forego the~~ given concessions in the matter of assessment in respect of lands cultivated newly with foodcrops]. ~~for the period of the war~~

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Dev Sec Rev

Will Rev- please issue the necessary orders

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REV. SEC.

Dev No 1610 A/43-2 13.2.43 (with Rev file CNo 1222/43)

To Secretary

draft order is subd. for approval

VK/15.2.43. Mr. Bhima Rao also suggests that adequate water should be guaranteed for such cultivation as is referred to in his letter. The Collr has not referred to this. It is presumed that local authorities can take the necessary steps to guarantee adequate water supply

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Revenue Department.

U.O.Note No. 711 E/43 dated 17.2.43.

Famine - Bellary - Food production - Cultivation of Cholam and Korra on wet lands - Govt. Memo.No. 122-E/43-14, dated 11-2-1943.

The Board's attention is drawn to the letter from the Collector of Bellary read in the Memo. quoted above. It is considered that orders on the proposals of the Collector for the grant of concession in the matter of assessment should be issued urgently so that ryots may avail themselves of the concession in this season. The draft of the order proposed to be issued on the Collector's recommendation may be forwarded to the Board and the Board asked to state whether it has any objection to the issue of such an order. The Board is requested to treat this as SPECIAL and send its reply to the Madras Office.

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To the Board of Rev.
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Bd of Rev. telephones that there is no objn to the issue of orders as drafted already granting permission to 1 prisoner a dairy farm corp on Land in Brittany SV.

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To Secretary

~~Submit that it does not now appear necessary to await formal reply from the Adj for the w/o more as the~~ orders which the Board may issue will be in my name.

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Revenue Department

Board of Revenue,

Madras, 19th February 1943.

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U.O.-Note No. d.279/43-3 dated the 19th February 1943.

C.H. Masterman Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commr. of Land Revenue & Irrigation.

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Subject

Famine -(Bellary) - Food production - Cultivation of cholam and korra on wet lands.

U.O. note from the Government, Revenue Department No. 711-E/43 dated 17-2-1943.

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The Board has no objection to the issue of the proposed order. It is in the right direction. Revenue will be foregone but is likely to be made up by a reduction in the loss in selling imported grain and by a possible reduction in Famine expenses as this cultivation

cultivation should give some employment.

S. J. Krishnaswamy

Secretary. (9.2.45)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Chetpat, Madras.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read:- From Sri.B.Bhima Rao,B.A.BL., M.L.C., Advocate,Bellary,dated 14-1-43.
From the Collector of Bellary,Ref.C.No. 782/42 A-6,dated 26-1-43.

G.O.Ms. ~~No.~~ 199 ***** ~~No.~~ 20.2.43

The Government understand that certain ryots in the Bellary district are anxious to cultivate food crops such as Cholam and Korra on wet lands under the Tungabhadra river and its channels and in the ayacut of certain tanks which have sufficient supply of water after the harvest of the standing ~~on which~~ sugar cane crop ~~had been grown~~. In order to encourage the ryots to grow such food crops, the Govt. are pleased to direct that the charges if any leviable on such cultivation with reference to B.S.O. 5-A(2) and the rules for the levy of water-cess for the irrigation of ~~crops with water from~~ lands from the Basavanna channel (including the extension channel) the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram tank in the Hospet taluk need not be collected for this fasli.

2. The Collector of Bellary is requested to make this concession widely known to the ryots in the area in question so as to enable them to avail them-

selves of the concession during this season. The Collector is also requested to report through the Bd. of Revenue the effect of such a concession and the loss of revenue which might otherwise have been realised.

3. The following telegram will be issued to the Collector of Bellary:-

Your letter 782/42-A6 /dated/ 26th January regarding ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Cholam and Korra cultivation on wet lands on which sugar cane had been grown. Charges if any leviable under B.S.O. 5-A(2) and Water Cess Rules, on such cultivation need not be collected this fasli. Order follows.

To the Collector of Bellary.
To the Bd. of Rev. in continuation of Govt. Endt. No.83-M/43-1, dated 18-1-43.
Dev. and Fin. Deptt. /2 copies for stock file/

To HS.

Submitted that a copy of G.O. No. 145 Rev Dt 20-2-43 below may be sent to the Director of War Publicity, Subject to orders. ~~an envelope~~ the addition has been made in the address entry on p. 16 C/f. ~~A copy will be sent~~ as noted at the foot of p. 15 HS

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A.R.C. WESTLAKE,
Secretary to Government.

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Memo. No. 22 36- E/42.3-1, dated 24.5.43.

Assessment- Land revenue- (Bellary)- Cultivation of Cholam on wet lands under the Tungabhadra river and its channels - Remission - Sanctioned - Further report regarding the effect of the Concession.

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Ref:- G.O. No. 199, Rev. & 20.2.1943 Collr. of Bellary

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The attention of the ~~Board of Revenue~~ is invited to para 2 of G.O. No. 199. Rev.,

2nd D/d 20-2-1943 quoted above and he is requested to state when the report called for therein may be expected

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To the Collr of Bellary

From
P.J.Viswenatha Iyer Esq., I.C.S., Collector, Bellary.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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3 MAY 1943

C. 782/42 A:8 Dated 2-6-43.

Sir,

Land Revenue (Bellary) - Cultivation of cholam on wet lands under Tungabhadra river and its channels ...fects of concession report submitted.

Ref: G.O.No.Ms.199 Rev.Dept. dated 20-2-43.
G.O.Ms.No. 227 Rev.Dated 2-3-43.
Government Memorandum No. 2236 E/43-1 dated 24-5-43.

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In the Hospet taluk 60-67 acres of irrigated dry food crops have been raised under Tungabhadra channels and Kamalapuram tank. The loss of Revenue which might otherwise have been realised is Rs. 124-1-0.

2. Dry irrigated crops were not raised under the Tungabhadra channels of Adoni and Siruguppa taluk. It is partly due to the non-availability of suitable seeds at the required time and partly due to lands already

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for transplantation of sugarcane before the 2nd G.O. was communicated to the ryots.

/By order/

For Collector.

"Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras."

Rev. Dept.

Submitted for perusal. Finance may see with reference to their note on pp. 6-7 of file No. 199 14823 dt. 20-2-43.

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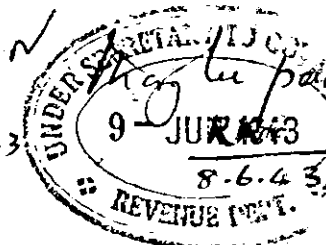
Rev. No. 2236E/43-2 dt. 5.6.43



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Rev. No. 14823 Exp. A-1 dt. 8.6.43

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To H.S.

Please see the correspondence and the notes on pp 1-4 ante. No further action seems called for in this file. The papers may be lodged and stitched with Lyo. No. 199, Rev. dt 20-2-4

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